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First Named Applicant	SANSONE,		35 USC 154(b) term ext. =	0 Days.

TITLE OF INVENTION SYSTEM FOR METERING PERMIT MAIL

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
2 E-710	705-408.000	L63	UTILITY	NO	\$1210.00	07/25/00

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.**  
**PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

Thomas A. Dixon

Applicant(s)

SANSONE, RONALD P.

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1.  This communication is responsive to Amendment of 11 April 2000.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 9-32.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
  1.  received.
  2.  received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). \_\_\_\_\_
  3.  received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office Action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a)  because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
  - (b)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. 3.
  - (c)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (d)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 3  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- 2  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 4  Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9  Other

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## DETAILED ACTION

1. The rejections and objections are withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

### *Drawings*

3. Formal drawings are now required and must be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for reply in the "NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY" (PTOL-37 or PTO-37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely submit the drawings will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application. The drawings should be submitted as a separate paper with a transmittal letter which is addressed to the Official Draftsperson. The art unit number, application number and number of drawing sheets should be written on the reverse side of the drawings.

## EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Reichman on 17 April 2000.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 10, line 5, replace the word "pre-printed" with "pre-printing"

In Claim 10, line 7 delete the word "fluorescent" and insert therefore

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-- information is printed with a phosphorescent--

In Claim 11, ~~line 6~~ delete the word "pre-printed" and insert therefore

—variable information is printed with a—

In Claim 11, ~~line 7~~ delete the word "pre-printed" and insert therefore

--variable--

In Claim 12, ~~line 3~~, delete --wherein a--

In Claim 12, line 4, delete —portion of the pre-printed fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed—

In Claim 12, ~~line 5~~, delete —information is printed with a non-luminescent ink--

In Claim 12, line 1, insert after the word "mail,"   said system comprising:

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;

means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or within

the vicinity of the postal indicia—

#### ***Reasons for Allowance***

3. Claims 2, 9-32 are allowed.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per Claim 9:

The prior art of record, specifically, Hubbard, taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink on permit mail,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 9.

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**As per Claim 10:**

The prior art of record, specifically, Hubbard, taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink on permit mail,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 10.

**As per Claim 11:**

The prior art of record, specifically, Hubbard, taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

a portion of the variable information is printed with a florescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink on permit mail,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 11.

**As per Claim 12:**

The prior art of record, specifically, Hubbard, taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

a portion of the variable information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink on permit mail,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 12.

**As per Claim 21:**

The prior art of record, specifically, Hubbard, taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

printing a permit mail postal indicia with a postage meter;  
deducting the value of the printed postal indicia from the meter;  
in combination with all the limitations of Claim 21.

The Claims which depend from the above allowed claims are allowed for the same reasons.

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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (703) 305-4645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Voeltz can be reached on (703) 305-9714. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-9051 for regular communications and (703) 305-0040 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9700.

TAD  
April 17, 2000

  
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